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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:        | ) |                              |
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| Hidegori SUNADA, ET AL.      | ) |                              |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | ) | October 22, 2003             |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.